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SUMMARY. JAN 2 CAIRO PRESS HEADLINES PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT BREZHNEV IS A LIAR. PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY FORMALLY CONDEMNED SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN AFGHANISTAN AND CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES. EGYPTIAN ISLAMIC GROUPS ALSO CONDEMN SOVIET ACTION. EDITORIALS AND COLUMNISTS CONTINUE THEIR ANTI-SOVIET BARRAGE, WITH AKHBAR WARNING THAT WORLD IS ON BRINK OF GLOBAL CONFLICT. END SUMMARY.

1. CARTER STATEMENT. JAN 2 CAIRO PAPERS CONTINUE TO

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HEADLINE AFGHAN EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTING PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTERVIEW WITH ABC. HEADLINES READ: "CARTER WARNS BREZHNEV OF GRAVE CONSEQUENCES OF SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN" (AHRAM), "CARTER ACCUSES BREZHNEV OF TELLING LIES AND BEING DECEPTIVE" (AKHBAR), "THEY BOMBED MOSQUES" AND "CARTER SAYS BREZHNEV IS LIAR" (GUMHURIYYA). RELYING ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, PRESS DETAILS CARTER'S REMARKS ABOUT SOVIET INVASION, AS WELL AS CONTINUING WORLD REACTION. DEMONSTRATION AGAINST SOVIET EMBASSY IN TEHRAN IS ALSO NOTED.

2. ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION. ON DEC. 31, PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY FORMALLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN AND END TO SOVIET ACTIONS CAUSING BLOODSHED TO AFGHAN MUSLIMS. RESOLUTION DENOUNCED ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE MARXIST REGIME ON AFGHANISTAN AND CALLED FOR NONINTERFERENCE IN AFGHAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IT ALSO CALLED ON ALL ISLAMIC PEOPLES AND NONALIGNED STATES TO FOLLOW AFGHAN SITUATION CLOSELY AND URGED THEM TO UNITE TO STOP SOVIET INTERFERENCE. ASSEMBLY PROMISED TO CONVEY RESOLUTION TO ALL "FRIENDLY PARLIAMENTS" WITH REQUEST THEY TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO SUPPORT AFGHAN PEOPLE TO HALT SOVIET INTERFERENCE.

3. ISLAMIC GROUPS. AHAM REPORTS ON MEETING OF LEADERS OF EGYPTIAN ISLAMIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS HELD YESTERDAY UNCLASSIFIED.

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TO DISCUSS SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN. CONVOCATION CALLED FOR:

- COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL BOYCOTT OF SOVIET UNION.
- HOLDING WORLD ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ON POPULAR LEVEL TO ADOPT FIRM POSITION REGARDING SOVIET MOVE IN AFGHANISTAN.
- SENDING OF PROTEST NOTES TO U.N. AND OTHER WORLD BODIES.
- LECTURES AND FRIDAY SERMONS IN MOSQUES DEALING WITH SOVIET AGGRESSION.
- DONATIONS, IN MONEY AND KIND, TO ASSIST AFGHAN MUSLIM REVOLUTIONARIES.

4. EDITORIALS. AHAM SAYS RECENT PRAVDA JUSTIFICATION UNMASKS "THE UGLY SOVIET ROLE IN THE GREAT ISLAMIC COUNTRY OF AFGHANISTAN." THE EXTERNAL THREAT PRAVDA CITES IS NONE OTHER THAN THE "RED POISON WHICH MOSCOW TRIES TO INJECT INTO AFGHANS WHO BELIEVE IN THEIR GOD AND THEIR RELIGION AND WHO CANNOT COEXIST WITH HERESY." THE (ALLEGED) EXTERNAL THREAT IS NOT AGAINST THE AFGHAN PEOPLE BUT AGAINST SOVIET OCCUPIERS WHO BUY AGENTS AND TRAITORS AND PUSH THEM TO LEAD COUPS AND FINALLY DISPOSE OF THEM AT HANDS OF OTHERS WHO ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE EVEN GREATER

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SERVICE TO MOSCOW. IF THERE IS ANY REAL THREAT TO THE AFGHAN PEOPLE IT IS THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF." GUMHURIYYA FINDS TASS REPORT THAT MOSCOW IS DEFENDING ISLAM IN AFGHANISTAN LUDICROUS. GUMHURIYYA WONDERS HOW TASS CAN THEN JUSTIFY SHELLING OF MOSQUES IN FORMERLY PEACEFUL TOWNS AND VILLAGES. AKHBAR COMMENTS ON CARTER'S CALLING BREZHNEV A LIAR AND SAYS THAT U.S. AND ALLIES WILL TAKE STEPS TO REPLY TO THE SOVIET INVASION. AKHBAR NOTES SOVIET REACTION TO CARTER WARNING WAS INSOLENT. AKHBAR CONCLUDES WORLD IS NOW ON BRINK OF GLOBAL CONFLICT. GUMHURIYYA'S  
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CHIEF EDITOR ANALYZES SOVIET OIL SITUATION AND CONCLUDES SOVIET NEED TO IMPORT OIL IN NEXT FIVE YEARS IS REASON FOR MOVE INTO AFGHANISTAN, A BASE FROM WHICH THEY CAN THREATEN GULF STATES. :ATHERTON

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